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Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 01-90  
ET Docket No. 98-95  
Ex Parte Meeting

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 23, the undersigned and William S. Jones of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) met with D'wana R. Terry, Jeanne Kowalski, Herbert W. Zeiler, Peter J. Daronco, Nancy M. Zaczek, Gerardo Mejia, and Michael J. Wilhelm of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Public Safety and Private Wireless Division concerning the above-referenced proceeding.

The attendees discussed various issues affecting Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC). Specifically, the DOT representatives advised the Commission's staff of progress in the development of technical standards governing DSRC communications, and invited the staff to attend a conference and demonstration of the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative (IVI) scheduled to take place June 24-25 in Washington, D.C. The IVI is a partnership of DOT and the major automobile manufacturers aimed at incorporating DSRC technology into the nation's motor vehicles.

The DOT also representatives advised the Commission staff about the projected availability of continued federal funding for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program generally and DSRC in particular, as well as about the question of DSRC at the ongoing World Radio Conference. The attendees discussed as well issues related to the adoption of a mandatory technical standard and licensing alternatives for DSRC.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is submitted for inclusion in the record in the above-referenced proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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